





# Today's Advertisements.

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR AMOY.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"JASON,"  
Captain Lyett, will be despatched as above  
TO-MORROW, the 25th instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 24th January, 1898. [138]

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"HAINUN,"  
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the  
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 25th instant,  
at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 24th January, 1898. [160]

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"HAILONG,"  
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the  
above Port TO-MORROW, the 25th instant,  
at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 24th January, 1898. [162]

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"SUNGKIANG,"  
Captain Dodd, will be despatched as above  
on WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant, at 4 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 24th January, 1898. [159]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship  
"GANGES,"  
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND  
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are  
being landed and placed at their risk in the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each  
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark  
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the  
Goods are landed.  
This vessel brings on Cargo:—  
From London, &c., 12 S.S. Oceans, Shanghai  
and Ballast.  
From Australia, 12 S.S. Goo.  
From Australia, 12 S.S. Australia.  
From Calcutta, 12 S.S. Parramatta.  
From Penang, 12 S.S. Purulia.  
From Rangoon, 12 S.S. Rangoon.  
From Singapore, 12 S.S. Singapore.  
Optional goods will be landed here unless  
instructions are given to the contrary before 4  
P.M. TO-DAY.  
Goods not cleared by the 30th instant at 4  
P.M. will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in  
any case whatever.  
All damaged Packages must be left in the  
Godowns, and a certificate of the damage  
obtained from the Godown Company within ten  
days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which  
no Claims will be recognized.  
H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 24th January 1898. [12-5]

## Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &  
COMPANY,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

## AERATED WATERS.

SODA WATER.  
LEMONADE.  
GINGER ALE.  
RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are  
made under the constant supervision of a duly  
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-  
parison with the best English Manufacturers.  
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEN'S and  
other Large Consumers.  
Any complaints should be addressed to the  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 24th March, 1897. [150]

## CAROLINE MAVERIUS USED FOR OVER 20 YEARS. With the Oldest Success.

Thoroughly reliable preservative for Word  
and Stone against White Ant, Decay, Fungus  
Rot and Dampness.  
Sole Agents for China,  
LUTGENS, EINHORN & Co.,  
Hongkong, 11th September 1896. [19]

## To be Let.

TO LET.  
DWARF HOUSES—  
BAHAR LODGE—AT THE PEAK.  
HOUSES IN RIFON TERRACE,  
Nos. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.  
FLOORS IN STANTON AND ELGIN  
STREETS.  
GODOWNS IN BLUE BUILDING.  
GODOWNS, PRATA EAST.  
Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT  
& AGENCY Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1897. [12]

## TO LET.

ROOMS on GROUND FLOOR of College  
Chambers, suitable for Offices.  
R'INT MODERATE.  
Messrs. DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [189]

## Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## WINES & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London  
House, bought direct at first hand, imported in  
wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all  
intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply  
the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

## PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month  
before use. When required for drinking at  
once it should be ordered to be decanted at  
the Dispensary before being sent out.  
SHERRY—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner  
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are  
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET—Our Claret, including the lowest  
priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine  
product of the juice of the grape and are  
not artificially made from raisins and  
currants, as is generally the case with Cheap  
Wines.

BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to  
be pure Cognac, the difference in price  
being merely a question of age and vintage.  
WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent  
quality and of greater age than most brands,  
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY  
marked "W.E." is universally popular, and is  
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs  
to be superior to any other brand in the  
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to  
be genuine when bought direct from us in the  
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the  
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [7]

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1898.

## THE SHIPPING CONFERENCE.

We are informed that the opinions we  
expressed last week on the subject of the  
Shipping Conference and homeward  
freights were entirely wrong. We are  
not shown where nor how, and so we are  
not yet convinced that our deductions  
from the simple figures of a plain price-  
list were inaccurate. But we know per-  
fectly well that it is possible for a mistaken  
inference to be drawn even from the most  
straightforward-looking statistics; and  
we are willing to admit that there may be  
some such error in our reasoning, though  
we must repeat that we are entirely at a  
loss to see where it is. But we are open  
to conviction, and will be pleased to have  
the paradox explained. It is a question  
of the greatest public interest.

Meantime, in order to clear the ground  
of everything that is not to the point, we  
frankly express our regret and apology  
for having at the outset used terms  
which would make discussion impos-  
sible. We are still unable to see how  
any man with a knowledge of the rates  
of freight can deny that they give  
Continental ports an advantage over  
British, whether available or not; but  
there is not on that account anything to  
be gained by the use of discourteous words  
to a gentleman in the position of Sir  
Thomas SUTHERLAND. It certainly comes  
as a surprise to us to be told that there  
are circumstances which make the rates  
of freight not anti-British as they look;  
but, for the sake of harmonious discus-  
sion, we beg to withdraw the objectionable  
expressions, and await with interest the  
arguments on the other side, in the hope  
that our previous remarks have not had  
the unfortunate effect of choking off all  
debate.

Let us not be misunderstood. We have  
every reason to desire the friendship of  
the shipping companies, which contribute  
largely to our means of livelihood; but  
until we are shown good reason to the  
contrary, we deliberately intend to  
make war on the Shipping Conference in  
spite of everything. It would pay us best  
to remain at peace, but we will not unless  
we can conscientiously conclude that the  
Conference rates are not anti-British. We  
are not alone in our view; we may err,  
but if so it is in good company. Within  
the past three years a sort of commercial re-  
vival movement has been in progress, partly  
no doubt due to the new era inaugurated  
by the Right Hon. J. CHAMBERLAIN. The  
Blackburn Chamber of Commerce, in its  
circular preceding the despatch of the  
commercial mission to the East in 1895,  
laid great emphasis on the "discriminating  
anti-British tariff; and the members of the  
mission strongly endorsed the complaint  
after their tour. The series of independent  
investigations carried out by Mr. BRON  
BURNHAM, under instructions from the home  
authorities, resulted in a similar indict-  
ment against the Conference. The Reg-  
istrar of Imports and Exports in Singa-  
pore in his official returns comments for-  
cibly on the same thing. Merchants in  
England are petitioning the Government  
to cease subsidizing a company that joins  
in a pool to give continental ports an ad-  
vantage in Eastern trade. The Governor  
of Hongkong, at the request of the Sec-  
retary of State, appointed a special com-  
mittee to inquire into the circumstances  
which have been aiding continental man-  
ufacturers to supplant British, and of all the  
points in their report, the preferential  
freights stand out biggest and blackest.

And on the top of all this, it is denied  
that the Conference favours Continental  
ports. It is not said that there are un-  
avoidable reasons for the discrimination;  
it is not said that the discrimination is so

slight that other factors counteract it; but  
it is said simply and absolutely that the  
rates are not in favour of foreign ports.  
We ought not to have hastily denounced  
the denial, nor made it personal; we  
ought not to have grown indignant. But  
it is an astonishing assertion, which gains  
force from the position and personal in-  
fluence of the speaker. It must weigh con-  
siderably with the Government—and we  
shall be much pleased and very much as-  
tonished if it can be proved. If it is not  
proved, we must in the interests of British  
trade continue to denounce the Conference,  
if it makes every shipping company our  
deadly enemy. Needless to say, we hope  
there will be no occasion for such action.

## REUTERS' MESSAGES.

### THE APPROACHING NAVY ESTIMATES.

LONDON, January 20th.  
Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, speaking at Bristol,  
announced that the approaching Estimates would  
provide for more sailors, and that Great Britain  
would more than keep pace with additions to  
other fleets.

### GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, in his speech at  
Bristol, said that if the Chinese loan did not  
become *fact accompli*, Great Britain would  
take her stand on treaty rights.

### MR. CHAMBERLAIN ON THE EUROPEAN CONCERT.

Mr. Chamberlain, speaking at Liverpool,  
said that he regretted the discreditable im-  
potence of the European Concert in regard to Crete,  
and hoped that Great Britain would not be com-  
pelled to take isolated action.

### THE DREYFUS AFFAIR—TRIAL OF ZOLA.

January 21st.  
The trial of Zola will take place at the Seine  
courts on the 22nd February.

### INDIAN CURRENCY.

Westland's Currency Bill has passed with the  
condition that the Secretary of State is given the  
option of paying gold to the Treasury provided  
India pays an equal sum into currency here.  
The Secretary of State is prepared to sell  
transfers at a price not exceeding 1/4 5/32 per  
rupee.

### GREAT BRITAIN, RUSSIA AND CHINA.

It is stated that Russia threatens reprisals if  
Taitlen-wan is opened as a treaty port.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

### THE BUYING RATE FOR SOVEREIGNS IS \$10.55 PER £.

A MEETING of the Legislative Council will be  
held at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

### THE P. & O. MAIL STEAMER GANGES LEAVES TO-MORROW AT DAYLIGHT FOR SHANGHAI.

The woman charged with attempted arson at  
112 Thibet Street was to-day committed for trial,  
in the first round for the Football Shield, 25th  
Company, S.D., R.A., beat the R.E. Recreation  
Club by five goals to nil on the Happy Valley  
on Saturday.

### THE CASE OF THE TWO TRIAD SOCIETY MEMBERS, WHO WERE SENT BACK TO THE MAGISTRACY FROM THE SESSIONS, WAS BEFORE MR. WOODWARD ON FRIDAY, and those of \$50 each were inflicted. Mr. Grist appeared for the prisoner.

It is notified in Saturday's *Gazette* that the  
Governor has been pleased to accept the resigna-  
tion of Capt. J. McCullum from the Hongkong  
Volunteer Corps, upon his appointment to a  
battalion of Volunteer Infantry in Scotland.

### THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS HAD THEIR 64th COMPETITION ON SATURDAY and made some good showing. Two trios were destroyed and the generals generally shaped in first-rate style. No. 1 detachment, usually successful, scored another victory.

A SMALL Chinese boy, twelve years of age,  
was brought to-day charged with using a knife on  
a schoolboy of the same age. It appears a little  
game of dice was in progress in Ship Street, and  
defendant accused the other boy of stealing  
some of his stakes, a fight ensued and com-  
plainant got a slight stab in the side. His  
Worship had the defendant over to his  
mother with the understanding that Inspector  
Mann should see that she punished him properly  
at No. 3 Station.

### THE CHINESE NEW YEAR WAS CHARACTERISED BY TWO OUTBREAKS OF FIRE, both of which were caused by smoking through the carelessness of Chinamen in firing crackers. Shortly after two o'clock on Saturday the Fire Brigade were summoned to house 171, Queen's Road East, a rattle shop, but their aid was not required as the flames had very soon been put out by men from the Waichai Station. Very little damage was done in this house. At about 4 p.m. the startling notes of the firebell announced the second outbreak which broke out in No. 27 Lyndhurst Terrace, a mis- cellaneous Chinese shop. The flames were controlled in a short time but not until about \$500 damage was done. The shop was insured with the Union Insurance Co. for \$1,200.

### THE regular meeting of the Victoria Preceptory was held on the 20th inst. Sir Knight D. McDonald was installed Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year, the installation being per- formed by P.E.P. Sir Knight John Bryan, assisted by P.E.P. G. C. Anderson, P.E.P. Sir Knight R. Cook, P.E.P. Sir Knight E. C. Ray, P.E.P. Sir Knight D. McDonald then lavished his mercies as follows:—

1st Constable ..... Sir Knight P. R. Simmonds;  
2nd " ..... F. D. Goddard;  
3rd " ..... F. W. Edwards;  
4th " ..... C. W. Spriggs;  
5th " ..... J. A. Lockard;  
6th " ..... G. J. B. Sayer;  
7th " ..... R. Mitchell;  
8th " ..... Ugo Naves;  
9th " ..... Wm. Baker;  
10th " ..... H. B. Bridger;  
11th " ..... A. G. Allen;  
12th " ..... F. W. Hill;  
13th " ..... J. Maxwell.

THE 11th for the MacEwen Cup at the quarterly  
meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club has  
now been played off and the holder of the cup is  
Mr. E. M. Koon, 101, 15, 86. The Captain's cup  
for February will be played for between the 5th  
and 7th of that month.

THE Spanish Consul at this port courteously  
informs us that he received the following tele-  
gram from the Governor General of the Philip-  
pines yesterday:—"Just finished the celebration,  
with unusual pomp, of a solemn *Ty Dium* of  
thanksgiving for the restoration of Peace."

THE private of the Hongkong Regiment charged  
with drugging and robbing an ex-comrade,  
together with two other members of the corps  
arrested later, was brought before the Magis-  
trate to-day. After reading over the com-  
plainant's evidence to the new prisoners, the  
case was remanded till the 27th inst.

A WOMAN who was found with a dead child in a  
ricksha on Queen's Road Central on Friday  
night, was charged at the Magistrate to-day  
with illegal removal. The cause of death was  
shown to be remittent fever and the woman  
stated that the child died while in the ricksha.  
His Worship bound her over to be of good be-  
haviour for six weeks in her own recognisance  
of \$10.

THE folk of a Wah Lung hawk made a very  
lame excuse when charged by his employer to-  
day with stealing a quantity of clothing and  
glassware. He was caught leaving the house  
with the things in his box and he said that he  
did not know they were there. When in the  
dock he was wearing one of complainant's coats.  
His Worship sent him away from further tempta-  
tion for three months.

THE Kinkiang correspondent of the Shanghai  
*Mercury* reports that the Japanese steamers  
that recently started to run on the Yangtze are  
doing a thriving native passenger trade. They  
pass up and down crowded with passengers  
as the fares are cheaper than those of other  
lines. If this goes on, six months hence will  
show a large deficit in the dividends of the larger  
and older companies.

A TRIO of rump men made a big mistake  
yesterday when they thought that three men  
who engaged them were sailors and not police-  
men in mufti. The passengers wished to be  
taken off to a ship and were refused. They then  
asked to be put ashore and got such a torrent of  
filthy abuse as they never had heard before.  
The three chief offenders were then locked up at  
No. 2 Station and the master of the boat was  
fined \$25 and has his license cancelled, while  
the two others were fined \$10 each.

THE man recently charged with having a pair  
of swords in his possession, was brought up on  
remand to-day. He was given a good character  
by Inspector Hennessey and Inspector Hanson  
said the man who arrested him had done him a  
great wrong. The *Ising* who locked him up  
had brought a false charge and he was perfectly  
aware he was doing so. His Worship said he  
was glad to find there was nothing against  
defendant and he instructed Inspector Hanson  
to make further enquiries in the matter.

THE hours for cracker firing in No. 7 (West  
Police) District are strictly limited by the  
Government in consequence of the hospitals out  
there, but the Chinese refuse to see why they  
should not have the same privileges as their  
neighbours in other districts. Therefore they  
played the cat and bar with the Ordinance and  
blazed away as loudly and as long as any.  
Inspector Hennessey and his men were "got  
a move on" with the result that 237 summons  
have been applied for for that district alone.  
So far the returns from other districts have been  
commendably small.

A FOLLOWSOME young Chinese from the *Copple*  
who had been, in company with another,  
amusing himself in Torsion Street was to-day  
charged with throwing half a brick into a brothe-  
louse, after his companion had set the custians  
on fire by throwing crackers through the windows.  
A fine of \$50 in default one month was imposed  
and defendant was ordered to pay \$5 towards  
the plaintiff. Then defendant's sweetheart  
brought another man into court and said that  
he was a witness to prove the defendant had  
nothing to do with the matter. His Worship  
ordered further enquiries to be made, the woman  
having stated that it was the witness who had a  
quarrel with the complainant.

At the Regular Meeting of the Ethen Mark  
Lodge, No. 264, E.C., held at the Freemasons,  
Hall on Friday, 23rd instant, the W. M., elect,  
Bro. S. J. Harriett, was duly installed as W. M.  
for the ensuing year by Wor. Bro. A. O. D.  
Gould and a Board of Installed Masters, and  
appointed and invested his officers as follows:—  
S.W. .... Bro. D. Macdonald.  
J.W. .... F. W. Edwards.  
Treas. .... Wor. .... A. D. Gould.  
Sec. .... G. P. W.  
U.O. .... J. Lockard.  
S.O. .... F. D. Goddard.  
J.O. .... C. W. Spriggs.  
J.D. .... A. H. Bollenheim.  
J.G. .... A. Crawford.  
Tyler .... J. R. Grimble.

At Shanghai on the 18th inst. A. T. Woodward,  
an American citizen, who has recently appeared  
in the U.S. Consular Court as defendant in  
certain civil cases, repaired upstairs, at his  
lodgings, at 42, Broadway, in company with two  
fellow-lodgers, to get ready for illness. His com-  
panions proceeded downstairs, leaving him  
behind, but one of them had occasion to return,  
and on entering the room noticed that Woodward  
quickly placed his hand behind his back and  
kept there. Questions as to the cause of this  
action elicited nothing from Woodward, and the  
lodger left the room. Hardly he had done so  
when he heard three revolver reports, and  
rushing back he found Woodward seated in a  
chair and groaning. Two bullets from a small  
revolver had entered his body, and he was  
removed to the hospital at about two o'clock,  
when it was found that he had sustained no  
fatal injury. He seemed cheerful and collected,  
and was disposed to make light of the matter,

A MAN charged with obtaining \$75 worth of  
jewellery from a woman by means of the  
"confidence" trick, was to-day remanded till  
to-morrow. The police are informed that  
several gangs of confidence men are now  
"working" Hongkong.

THOSE who were anxious to obtain a sight of  
the partial eclipse of the sun which took place  
on Saturday last were rewarded with fine clear  
weather far surpassing their most sanguine an-  
ticipations. During the earlier stages of the  
phenomenon the glare of the sun was much  
too brilliant and dazzling to allow of anything  
out of the common being noted in its appearance  
with the naked eye, but when the dazzle was  
toned down by the interposition of a piece of  
smoked glass the edge of the moon overlapping  
the sun's disc and rendering it crescent  
shaped immediately became apparent. As  
the sun sank, however, and its rays became less  
powerful, the eclipse became distinctly visible  
to the naked eyes and Hongkong residents  
are to be congratulated upon the excellent  
opportunities they obtained of witnessing the  
phenomenon. It is to be hoped that the scientific  
expedition sent to India from Europe  
were equally fortunate in the matter of  
an unclouded sky and that all the preparations  
were not rendered useless by unfavourable  
weather. So far as we have been able to  
ascertain, the Chinese, although perfectly well  
aware of the eclipse, appear to attach little or  
no importance to it, and it was not allowed to  
interfere with the usual New Year's festivities,  
in Hongkong at all events. What was thought  
of it in other parts of China we shall probably  
hear later.

## LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

### SUPREME COURT.

#### IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice Sir  
John Carrington, Kt. C.M.G.)

January 23rd.

#### IP FING KWANG v. TSOI CHUI.

This action was last before the court in  
September, 1897, when plaintiff, a Compro-  
dor of China Export, Import and Banking Com-  
pany, sued on a promissory note for \$2000  
with interest from the date of issue to the date  
of the deceased Tsoi Chui Tsoi (T. Chui  
administrate). Judgment was then given for the  
defendant and Mr. J. J. Francis O.C. (in-  
structed by Mr. Deacon) who appeared for the  
complainant was given leave to amend his  
petition. The case was again opened to-day.  
Mr. Francis read the plaintiff's amended peti-  
tion, which gave particulars of the transaction  
between the parties, and said that four para-  
graphs in plaintiff were amended, while three  
were deleted. The answer denied all the  
allegations in the three paragraphs. It was  
stated in the answer that the claim was barred  
by the "Statute of Limitations."  
His Lordship (smiling): "Statute of Limita-  
tions?"  
Mr. Francis: It is so here, my Lord, in the  
answer.  
Mr. Robinson: And I have it so here, my  
Lord.  
Mr. Francis then read the answer. It stated  
that plaintiff at the time was a clerk in the  
Registrar General's office and was a money lender  
and that Tsoi Chui had no beneficial interest in  
the money and it was denied also that the hand-  
writing in one of the exhibits was that of Tsoi  
Chui. There was counsel said, a denial that  
the money was lent by plaintiff to the late Tsoi  
Chui and that was qualified in a way by the  
statement that there was a nominal loan to Tsoi  
Chui, who was simply an agent between the  
plaintiff and Lacey Downes, to whom the money  
was handed. There was also a general denial  
of any interest having been paid by Tsoi Chui  
to plaintiff. There had been, counsel argued, the  
direct and clear evidence of four witnesses that  
the transaction was a loan of money and that  
plaintiff himself was not a money lender and that  
Tsoi Chui was something more in the matter  
than a mere name or cover. Direct evidence  
was given of the execution of the two sets of  
p. n's and of the payment of interest and ex-  
clusive evidence had been given also as to the  
signature of the late Tsoi Chui to the document.

His Lordship said: "You have not given us evi-  
dence that the money was not given to Tsoi  
Chui as an agent to hand it to another person."  
Mr. Francis: It was alleged by plaintiff that  
he lent the money and that he was not using it  
for himself. I will leave that to Mr. Robinson.  
After the Chief Justice had read portions of  
plaintiff's evidence regarding his wish not to have  
his name appear,  
Mr. Francis said that closed his case for the  
present.

Mr. Robinson referred to the defendant's case  
first by speaking of the condition of his health  
and the evidence given by several witnesses  
as to his state when the note was said to have  
been signed. These witnesses saw Tsoi Chui  
in the early part of the month of July but his  
serious state began late in that month, and the  
evidence therefore was of no use. He would  
call witnesses as to the handwriting of Tsoi Chui  
and in regard to one witness with whom he was  
employed he said there might have been pre-  
judice shown. Counsel referred at length to  
the evidence given as to the recogni-  
tion of the signature, and to the statement  
that it might have been an imitation. The  
evidence given by witnesses as to their opinion that  
Tsoi Chui was top lip in the transaction was  
another witness stated that he was competent to  
transact business. Plaintiff said he had con-  
stantly interviewed Tsoi Chui, and afterwards  
he said in the box that he had only gone to him  
three times. He had, counsel said, reduced the  
time to make his story plausible. He would  
call a doctor to show that Tsoi Chui was suffer-  
ing from asthma and heart disease with severe  
dyspeptic symptoms. He was entitled to test  
the witness who spoke as to the signature. He  
would also call experts on Chinese handwriting  
at that point. Generally he would call evidence  
on the subject of Tsoi Chui's health, the attes-  
tation on him, and handwriting. Further he  
would call evidence to show that there was  
nothing in the books of deceased corroborative  
of plaintiff's statement, that the money was  
received on Tsoi Chui's own account. After  
further comments  
The plaintiff Ip Ping Kwang was called by  
Mr. Robinson and said that in December 1897  
Tsoi Chui had called on him and spoke to him  
of his dealings with Lacey Downes. Witness  
gave evidence also as to his lawyer applying to  
the lawyers of administratrix for the money  
alleged to have been due.  
Dr. Cheng was examined as to Tsoi Chui's  
health, and the administratrix and deceased's  
concubine gave evidence on the same subject.  
They said it was impossible for the plain-  
tiff to have interviewed deceased without their  
knowledge. Mrs. Cheng, photographer, was  
examined as to her husband's handwriting.  
The case was adjourned till to go on to-  
morrow.

## THE NOISY SEASON.

For the past two days and nights the Chinese  
have been enjoying themselves to the top of  
their bent in their favourite pastime of noise-  
making and the sleep of Europeans in localities  
adjacent to the Chinese quarters has been  
unpleasantly "annoyed," while their days have  
been made hideous. If the gods of the elements  
are to be propitiated by expelling and bewil-  
dering din and clamour, then a big season of  
prosperity and "good tidings" should be in store  
for the Hongkong Chinese. The inevitable  
cracker-firing began on Friday evening and on  
Saturday it was in full blast. The humbling of  
Chinese houses did as much as means would  
allow, but the chief "explosions" were the  
big shop-keepers along Queen's Road. Outside  
every shop the road was thickly covered with  
small fragments of red paper and the pungent  
smell of burnt powder filled the air. The amount  
of money expended on crackers was very con-  
siderable indeed. At one place alone  
shop down Queen's Road West the "fun" began  
at midnight on Friday and all day Saturday and  
in the night too the bang-bang went kept up  
without cessation. Two poles with pulleys ran up  
high from the second floor balcony, where a gang  
of *fohs* were kept busy fastening monster strings  
of large and small crackers. They were lit by  
a party of old chaps, who threw all due dignity  
into his duty. A small hand pump was kept  
playing on the smouldering *chris* and several *sh*  
police had a busy time in keeping a watchful  
though the crowds of Chinese collected there.  
As it was, many of the rickshas had their wheels  
locked in passing.

The sampans and junks made matters very  
lively on the harbour, each craft vying with its  
neighbour in the Great Open-for-all Noise Com-  
petition. The row they made was enough to  
make the spirit who purveys bird weather clear  
out with all dispatch. In the matter of music,  
the hull was kept merrily rolling by day and  
night. And it is hard to say which of the  
instruments had the more expensiveness  
effect on the Western ear. The shrill  
squeaking trumpet, the brain-ringing song, and  
the horribly monotonous tam-tamming drum  
concocted in trying Gordian knots of sound, that  
were increased often by Chinese vociferous of high  
pitch. We have heard of Carlyle billy carrying  
off an organ grinder from in front of his house  
and dumping him down two or three streets away,  
but heaven alone knows what he'd have done  
had he had to put in a Chinese New Year in  
Hongkong. It seems to be part of the observ-  
ance of the festival to don a white, and the  
way homeboys and other domestic have radica-  
ly burst out in all the glory of flowered silk coats  
and garters, new shoes and caps, suggests  
nothing so much as the change from the disrepu-  
table looking chrysalis to the beautiful butterfly.  
The very poorest of the sampans folk all seemed  
to have been able to get some new attire for their  
callow broods, and the little bits of glancing scarlet,  
light blue, red, and yellow gave an interesting  
touch to the scene along the *Praya*. L'k most  
of the houses whose crabs were covered with  
little slips of red paper, and a goodly crowd  
of children and adults, and a goodly crowd  
of the vessels, too few big and many small,  
at their mast heads and generally the idea took  
form that in the matter of "bread and fire" re-  
ligion



## NOTES FROM THE NORTH.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Tientsin, January 19th.

News has been harder to obtain the last two weeks than blood out of the proverbial stone, news that is of a reliable, worth-while nature. Of rumours, reports and counter reports there have been no end. When however affairs are in a delicate state, news is always coy, and the difficulty which has characterized every item eventually obtained has emphasized the gravity of the situation. It is some time since I have received your paper owing to everything being sent overland unless mailed by steamer, but I presume you have fully realized the significance of several features in the situation, and do not find a comfortable satisfaction in dismissing the Naval muster of the Powers out here as an idle and quasi-playful demonstration. Long ere this reaches you developments may have taken place which will make much of what I write appear ludicrously inappropriate, or things may have preserved their strained status quo so rigidly as to make it seem as if penned but "yesterday." A week ago there was no talk or thought of a British loan to China, though it has been for some time perfectly understood that one power must come to China's assistance in view of the approaching, pay day to Japan. Yet to-day the news is confirmed that a British loan backed by the Government has been offered to and accepted by China at 3 per cent, and that Russia's offer has been refused. I cannot say that the information has been officially authenticated yet, but I believe it is true, as it is precisely the sort of thing England always does "do" in situations like these, she stands by and lets others excel her in the game of "eggs" particularly conscious that sooner or later an application will be made for financial assistance which will enable her to obtain by quiet dignified bargaining three times as much as others have floundered and flustered about selling. No word has transpired yet as to what *quid pro quo* England will get for financing China, but to make a shrewd guess, I should say that the control of the Customs for a given term would be one, that is the appointment of one of her own men to the post. To this may possibly be added a lease of the Yangtze Valley from Shanghai to Hankow for fifty years, and a possible extension of Hongkong on the mainland. The very fact of England undertaking the loan at 3 per cent, and being even willing to go as low as 2½ per cent, if necessary points to a very big demand in return, although we must not forget of course that one of her chief objects is raising the money for China to help Japan over a little. Without the money Japan cannot very well go to war, but with it, and with England's help we have a naval force put in motion which may eventually clear these seas of the ever tested. *The Times* correspondent in Peking, in a letter dated like a cat on hot bricks his inability to get reliable information. I sympathize with him, as I know how exasperating it is to keep meeting the man who you feel morally certain knows something and who promises your expectation something with an expression of blank vacuity; and to keep on meeting a dozen men who you are positively certain know nothing, but who persistently assume an air of knowing something, and drop "bluffs" and "cease" for which there is not the slightest foundation outside the realm of their imagination. It is said that the Admiral knows nothing, that "nobody knows anything" in fact, and it is maddening. One longs with an inexpressible longing for the clash of cymbals furnished by the London daily press. For the "facis" produced crisp and tempting like hot buns every morning, ready to be contradicted and discredited, or extended into something still more thrilling and important by the evening issue. But here, away in the poor little northern port, with but one small gasping, struggling, weekly or bi-weekly paper about to search of the missing truth, exasperation reaches the dizzy height of madness, and then bursts, bubble-like, to accumulate fresh strength for another week.

You will probably have had confirmation of the German lease of Kiaochow which Reuter wired, and which is quite true, as I need not dilate upon it. German firms are buying up land there, and active preparations are being made for the establishment of a regular colony. No one up here pays much attention to it however. The whole thing is regarded as a fact, a *fait accompli*, and likely to be a *fait accompli*. Whatever Germany's object may have been, to force a hand extension out of the Reichstag, to hold up Russia's hands, or put a spoke in England's wheel, the only result is likely to be a considerable burning of Germany's own fingers. In the first place the Germans are not colonizers. They have done very well, quite remarkably well in places which have been got ready for them, and in which their only responsibility is that of underdeveloping everyone else. But as initiators of a colony, and founders of one they have not seen the German side. In fact they have been completely terrified, and have been completely terrified, and there are after all only very few Germans there. In their new plot of ground money will have to be expended, I believe which Germany can ill afford to spend, and the cost of maintenance will be prohibitive.

News from Japan appears to indicate a great restlessness at the present situation, and if the little country had been as well prepared now as she was before her war with China nothing would probably have held her back so long. It is likely that she will move a long way.

China's new Military Adviser, Colonel Varot, with three subalterns of the Imperial Guard, was landed by a Russian man-of-war at Shanghai on the 2nd inst., and proceeded straight to the Capital by train. Mr. Stejneger, a member of the Russian Legation, being taken away in the man-of-war.

There was a grand fancy dress ball in Peking last week, at which many of our local celebrities were present. I have not heard the whole about yet, and this will leave before I have a chance of picking up anything, but I hear that one little lady was unfortunate enough to lose her wardrobe and her jewelry on the road from the station to the British Legation where she was a guest, and up to the present I believe the valuables have not been recovered. The Minister is taking the matter up, however, and perhaps the jewels will be recovered.

I hear that there is a movement on foot to start a branch of the *Yin Tzu Hui* in Tientsin. I hope it will work as there seems no doubt that the movement has done a great deal of good in the Central provinces, and among Shanghai. The reports have been most encouraging, as they show the interest which enlightened Chinese are themselves taking in it. The Tientsin women all have bound feet, which is rather singular being so near the Capital where large feet are the rule. The movement is being started in response to a suggestion from Mrs. Little, the originator of this society, and I think it is likely to be taken up with some warmth.

Amusements have been rather at low ebb up to the present here, but things generally go with a brisker swing after Chinese New Year. The

first thing we shall have is the *Mikado* which is being staged for the second time in Tientsin. I hear it will be a great success. On Saturday, the 15th, there is a children's calico fancy dress ball which is still a *fait accompli*, the excitement of our local social life.

The Waterworks has reached that crisis in its history when patrons are being requested to book their orders, but it is too soon to say what encouragement is being given by the community. For myself I say drainage first, and water afterwards, as until there are drains to carry off the dirty water, a large supply of fresh water on tap is not the boon it ought to be. If drainage cannot ever be carried out in Tientsin, as some local raven has croaked then I am afraid the waterworks will prove a white elephant; but we shall see.

The Kienlin Trading Co., whose premises were burnt down last year, has erected a new pile on the ashes of the old, and moved into it last week. The new store is a magnificent pile of three stories high, a sort of miniature Whiteley's, and promises to have literally everything under the sun. But I cannot imagine how it is going to pay. However I suppose they know best. With four large stores going in a little place like this, it seems incredible that they can all make a living.

We are still enjoying a spell of most unseasonable, but very pleasant, weather. Blue skies, lightest of spring breezes, softest of spring sunshines, and so on. All the ponds are slush, the upper reaches of the river have been entirely frozen from every sign of ice for a fortnight. Not even a dust storm. No one knows what it means and the old hands say nothing like it has been known for sixteen years. The doctors say there is a lot of sickness about, and I fear there must be, as when the seasons are right out of joint like this there generally is. But like a canny Scot, I am mentally calculating what the price of ice is likely to be in the summer. We can go without a fire or two without much trouble, but we don't care to contemplate an iceless summer.

## THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

The following is the ninth report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the company's offices, Victoria Buildings, at noon, on Friday next—

Gentlemen—The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The net profit for that period, including \$36,559.45, balance brought forward from last year, after paying all charges, amount to \$28,556.25. From this amount an interim dividend of \$2.00 per share has already been paid, and it is now proposed to pay a final dividend of \$2.00 per share, making a total dividend of 4 per cent on the paid-up capital, and after paying off directors' and auditors' fees there remains a balance of \$37,856.16 to be carried forward to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

**DIRECTORS.**

Messrs. M. D. Ezekiel, D. R. Sisson and S. C. Michaelson having resigned their seats. Messrs. A. J. Raymond, D. Gabbay, and A. Haupt were invited to join the Board in their places respectively. These appointments now require confirmation.

Messrs. N. A. Stebbins and D. Gabbay now retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.

**AUDITORS.**

The accounts have been audited by Mr. F. Henderson and Mr. A. Coghill now retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

J. J. BELL-IRVING, Chairman.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1898.

## THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the ninth report of the General Agents to the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, at 11.30 a.m. on Friday next—

Gentlemen—The General Agents now submit to you a statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The net profit for the year, including the amount brought forward from the previous year, amount to \$17,061.06, and after paying off directors' and auditors' fees, it is proposed to pay a dividend of one dollar and twenty-five cents per share, and to carry forward the balance of \$886.05 to credit of new Profit and Loss Account.

**DIRECTORS.**

Mr. M. D. Ezekiel having resigned on leaving the colony, Mr. A. J. Raymond was invited to join the Board in his stead, and this appointment now requires confirmation.

The Honorable C. P. Chater, C.M.G., and Honorable J. J. Bell-Irving retire by rotation but offer themselves for re-election.

**AUDIT.**

The accounts have been audited by Mr. Fullerton Henderson who now retires and offers himself for re-election.

A. SHELTON HOOVER, Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., General Agents, The West Point Building Co., Limited, Hongkong, 11th January, 1898.

## THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

The following is the ninth report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, at 3 p.m. on Friday next—

Gentlemen—The directors now submit to you a statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The balance of profit and loss account for the year, after paying off all charges and expenses amount to \$6,324.40. The directors, therefore, recommend that a dividend of one dollar per share be paid, which, after paying off the directors' and auditors' fees, will leave a balance of \$164.40 to be carried forward to credit of a new profit and loss account.

**DIRECTORS.**

Messrs. E. Jones Hughes and J. H. Cox retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.

**AUDITORS.**

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. T. Arnold and W. H. Gaskell, who retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

F. HENDERSON, Chairman.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1898.

## NOTANDA.

## CALENDAR.

**JANUARY.**

*Meteorological means based on ten years' observations from 1888.*

Barometer at sea level.....30.15  
Thermometer.....59.4  
Humidity.....74.0  
Rainfall.....1.67

**TO-DAY.**

**WEATHER REPORT.**

On Jan 24 4 p.m. On Jan 23 4 p.m.

Barometer.....30.28 30.20  
Thermometer.....53 62  
Humidity.....42 56  
Rainfall.....0.02

**TO-MORROW.**

Monday, 24th January, 1898.

Chinese—3rd of 1st moon of 24th year of Kwong-si.

Jewish—1st Sabbath, 5658.

Mohammedan—1st Ramadan, 1315.

Sun—Rises.....5hr. 35min.  
Sets.....5hr. 25min.  
High water—Morning.....11hr. 25min.  
Afternoon.....10hr. 25min.  
Low water—Morning.....5hr. 45min.  
Afternoon.....5hr. 35min.

**ANNIVERSARIES.**

1601—Marlow Reed, the Jesuit missionary, entered Peking.

1870—Loss of the U.S. corvette *Ones*.

**TO-MORROW.**

Tuesday, 25th January, 1898.

(Conversion of St. Paul.)

Chinese—4th of 1st moon of 24th year of Kwong-si.

Jewish—2nd Sabbath, 5658.

Mohammedan—2nd Ramadan, 1315.

Sun—Rises.....5hr. 32min.  
Sets.....5hr. 22min.  
High water—Morning.....11hr. 35min.  
Afternoon.....10hr. 35min.  
Low water—Morning.....5hr. 42min.  
Afternoon.....5hr. 32min.

**ANNIVERSARIES.**

1831—St. Paul's Church at Macao burnt.

1841—Sir E. Bichey landed in Hongkong.

1858—Princess Royal married.

1881—Great fire at Tokio; 10,000 houses destroyed and many lives lost.

1891—Murder of Mr. and Mrs. Keeble by pirates on the Tonkin frontier.

1896—Fire at 205 Queen's Road West; 3 lives lost.

1897—Great fire in Saigon; damage \$1,000,000.

## MEMORANDA.

**TO-MORROW.**—25th January.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Legislative Council.

9.15 p.m.—Solemn concert at St. George's Hall.

**WEDNESDAY.**—26th January.

11 a.m.—American mail closes.

11 a.m.—City of Peking leaves for San Francisco.

**THURSDAY.**—27th January.

American mail due.

11 a.m.—English mail closes.

Noon—Virena sails for Europe.

## SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

**MAILS DUE:**

Indian (*Catharine Apsar*) to-morrow.

American (*Dork*) 27th inst.

Canadian (*Empress of India*) 28th inst.

American (*China*) 3rd prox.

Tacoma (*Victoria*) 7th prox.

American (*Belge*) 12th prox.

The alk steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived in New York on the 20th inst.

The P. & O. steamer *Hyades* left Singapore for this port at 8 a.m. on the 21st inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Borneo* left Singapore for this port at 1 p.m. on the 21st inst.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd's extra steamer *Cresfeld* left Singapore for this port on Saturday, the 22nd, at 5 p.m. and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 29th inst.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of China*, arrived at Nagasaki at 6.30 a.m. to-day, the 24th, and left at 5 p.m. for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 10 p.m. to-morrow, the 25th inst.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of India*, arrived at Nagasaki at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday the 22nd, and leaves at 4 p.m. yesterday the 23rd, for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 2 a.m. to-morrow, the 25th inst.

## SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. Friday to 5 p.m. to-day.

**ARRIVALS.**

From Hongkong, from Halphong

*Onseng*....." " Java

*Leushing*....." " Bangkok

*Mongkut*....." " Bangkok

*Whampoa*....." " Chinkiang

*Territor*....." " Moji

*Naloo*....." " Coast Ports

*Sunglang*....." " Manila

*Loyal*....." " Shanghai

*Yamaguchi Maru*....." " Japan

*Chowai*....." " Bangkok

*Wingang*....." " Canton

*Paoing*....." " Hongay

*Kwangtse*....." " Shanghai

*Gangsi*....." " Bombay

*Rosita*....." " Shanghai

*Longmoon*....." " Manila

*Yungang*....." " Manila

*Halmu*....." " Calcutta

Aggregating 24,670 tons register.

**DEPARTURES.**

For Shanghai

*Amphitrite*....." " Shanghai

*Darmstadt*....." " Kiao-chow

*Sagami Maru*....." " Kobe

*Ningchow*....." " Shanghai

*Taiyoh*....." " Sourabaya

*Chowai*....." " Bangkok

*Hermosa*....." " Peking

*Tosha*....." " Saigon

*Salisbury*....." " Canton

*Prism*....." " Singapore

*Whampoa*....." " Canton

*Longmoon*....." " Canton

*Wang*....." " Canton

*Hiroshima Maru*....." " Yokohama

Aggregating 26,520 tons register.

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.**

*Moscow* (H.L.G.M.S.).....at Kowloon Dock

*Torquay*....." " "

*Chowai*....." " "

*Chowai*....." " "

*Wang*.....at Comptrol.

*Wang*.....at Aberdeen

## GREAT EASTERN AND CALDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED.

The following report has been received from the manager at the mines:—

Mount Macdonald, 31st December, 1897.

My last report was dated 14th inst. Since then the Xmas holidays have greatly interfered with the progress of the work.

Prospecting Shaft Gold Lease 97 has reached a depth of 88 feet from the surface. The reef formation still extends from hanging to foot wall and consists of quartz and mollock mixed with no free gold so far.

The Great Eastern Main Shaft is now down to 96 feet from the top set of timber or 102 feet from the base. This is very satisfactory indeed and I trust that we shall reach the 200 feet by end of March, when we shall go for the reefs. At present the ground shoots splendidly and I hope that our calculations will not be upset by harder ground.

Zulu Main Shaft will have to be continued to its old level, as the water is getting too strong and the angle too awkward to work in; we shall, if the formation does not cut back again, crosscut for a later on. At present we are busy breaking the five tons for shipment to Germany; we have nearly all at grass and splendid stone to look, too, with free gold showing, every bit as good as the stone which yielded 4 ounces by assay in Sydney.

The Calcedonian Main Shaft is on softer ground at present. The measured depth to-day is 66 feet from the top timber, or 72 feet from the surface, so that we shall not be long in reaching 100 feet here also.

A small reef is coming in, but whether it will make into something remains to be seen.

In breaking the five (5) tons from the Calcedonian for shipment to Germany, the old drive at the 50 feet level in the old main shaft had to be cleared a little, revealing the large lode to better effect than when I could examine it in September. It is fully 6 feet wide and the stone we are breaking not less than 4 ounces. Here also a large quantity of ore has been left in the stops as not good enough for the old and primitive ways of treating it.

## THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAM-BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders to be held at the office of the Company on Saturday, the 29th January, 1898, at noon:—

The Directors beg to submit to the shareholders the Report and Statement of Accounts for the half-year ending 31st December last. After paying running expenses, salaries, premia of insurance, repairs and all other outgoings, there remains, including \$29,974.40 brought forward from last account, the sum of \$33,244.58 at credit of Profit and Loss Account. From this amount, the Directors recommend that a dividend for the half-year of 18 per cent on Capital, or \$6,000, be paid to Shareholders, and that the balance of \$27,244.58 be carried forward to New Account.

The gross earnings of the steamers during the six months under review have been fully up to the average, but the very large increase in the price of Coal has materially reduced the net result.

During the half-year the *Huangshan* and *Powen* have been docked for the usual annual repairs and Government survey, and all the steamers are in good running order.

The properties mortgaged to the Company have been re-valued by Messrs. Palmer and Turner whose valuations show them to be ample security for the sums advanced.

The retiring Auditors, Messrs. A. O'D. Gaudin and F. Henderson, offer themselves for re-election.

E. R. BELLIOS, Chairman.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1898.

## THE LIGHT THAT CAST NO SHADOW.

Our stories are told about the powers possessed by certain natives of India, who live up among the Himalayan mountains. These old men, it is said, have devoted scores of years to the study of natural laws and forces, which the rest of the world knows nothing about. Lady G. German professor visited the "sadus," these good Hindus are called, for the purpose of finding out the secret of their remarkable performances. They treated him rather scornfully, but interested him all the same. One day the professor wanted to examine some ancient Sanskrit manuscripts. An adept went with him to a cave wherein the books were kept. The place was dark as the bottom of a well.

"I can't see to read, here," said the visitor.

"Then we will have some light," was the reply, and immediately (the professor says) a soft, pearly light brightened the cave. He could not tell whence it came, but he noticed that it had one strange quality—it cast not the slightest shadow.

This is a story hard to believe, yet its truth is attested by many of the greatest and ablest characters, and you who now read it have no reason for doubt except that all the lights you have seen have cast shadows. Belief or unbelief commonly runs parallel with one's own experience. Dr. Johnson missed at the account of the Lisbon earthquake, yet credited the tale of the Cook Lian ghost.

Who was he, all for years, and failed to find a cure in spiritual when friends tell him of a medicine which they believe will make him well. What else but doubt could result from his experience? Take an example:—

"In the spring of 1888," writes our correspondent, "I fell into a low, wet, and languid state. I felt lower than dead and out of sorts. At first my stomach was empty, my appetite poor and after eating I had pain and weight at the chest. I was much troubled with wind, and frequently spat up a sour fluid, also bitter bile. Later on I suffered from nervousness and great depression of spirits. I kept up with my work, but had always a sense of discomfort. On and on I continued in this way for two years, until I felt that I was not living, but existing."

After I had taken only a few doses I found relief; my food digested, and gradually all nervousness left me. Although I had no reason at first to feel any confidence in this medicine, never having used it or seen it used, I now gladly admit its value, and its power over what I once called my "demon," for which I thank Mother Beldge's Curative Syrup. I have been in the best of health and spirits. In the interests of suffering humanity I deem it a duty to send you this testimony. (Signed) D. Griffith, tailor and outfitter, 161, Hockley Hill, Birmingham, June 8th, 1898.

There is a deal of difference between Mr. Griffith's candid letter and the story about the light that cast no shadow. The latter may be true enough, but it cannot be verified without more trouble than it is worth. On the other hand we have a trustworthy witness, who will answer letters of inquiry, and can be found at his address.

There is a story of a myrtle or magpie about Mother Beldge's Curative Syrup. It is said in the theory that most ailments are but symptoms, forms, or phases of that universal disease—indigestion and dyspepsia; it cures that, and throws the light of health and happiness over hearts and homes where illness and pain had cast such dark and terrifying shadows. And that is why people believe all that is told of its cures by men who believe in it.

## Consignees.

## NOTICE.

## PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship.

"CITY OF PEKING,"

are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risks in the Company's Godowns at Wanchai, from whence delivery may be obtained on countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 25th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1898. (1-1-98)

## THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## FROM GLASGOW AND SINGAPORE.

## THE Company's Steamship.

## "NINGCHOW."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 26th instant or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 26th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1898. (1-1-98)

## AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, ADEN, KURRACHI, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG &amp; SINGAPORE.

## THE Steamship.

"AMPHITRITE,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This vessel brings Cargo:—

From Calcutta, ex S.S. *Aglaya*, transhipped at Colombo.

From Trieste, ex S.S. *Imperator* transhipped at Bombay.

From Venice, ex S.S. *Maximiliano*, and *Imperator* transhipped at Trieste.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Undersigned before Noon on the 26th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 26th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. (1-1-98)

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## "SS. 'DEIKE RICKMERS'."

## THE Steamship.

having arrived under Average, Consignees are hereby informed that a General Average Bond must be signed previous to countersignature of Bills of Lading.

The Average Bond is lying at the Office of the undersigned for signature.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1898. (1-1-98)

## "RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## FROM HAMBURG.

## THE Company's Steamship.

"DEIKE RICKMERS,"

having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 3rd February, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd February.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1898. (1-1-98)

## NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## STEAMSHIP "TACOMA,"

## FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1898. (1-1-98)

## KUHN &amp; KOMOR, JAPANESE FIRE ART CURIOS.

## 21 &amp; 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

## 37, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA.

## and 35, DRYDOCK STREET, KOREA.

## Hongkong, 19th March, 1898. (1-1-98)

## Intimations.

## LEVY HERMANOS.

## DIAMOND MERCHANTS, JEWELLERS AND WATCHMAKERS.

Sole Agents in the East for the amalgamated CLEMENT, HUMBER and GLADIATOR Co., Ltd., DUNLOP TYRE & CYCLES—PRICE...\$125. A special reliable Watch made for this Climate.

Quality A.....\$12  
Quality B



## Intimations.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



## PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
YAMAGUCHI MARU S. Kawasumi	SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and BOMBAY	TUESDAY, 25th January, at Noon.
KAGOSHIMA MARU W. Thompson	SEATTLE, WASH., VIA KOBE and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 27th January, at 4 P.M.
YAMASHIRO MARU J. Jones	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNS, VILL KAPPEL BAY, BRISBANE SYDNEY, MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 28th January, at 4 P.M.
INABA MARU W. Bainbridge	MARSEILLES, LONDON, NEW CASTLE, and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for JAVA PORTS), PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	THURSDAY, 3rd February, at 4 P.M.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1898.

## ARE YOU LOSING FLESH?

This is one of the very first steps of disease. It is a warning note. You cannot afford to grow thin. Flesh is strength. If you lose it your blood becomes depleted, and Consumption, Scrofula, Anemia, or some other wasting disease will follow.

## Scott's Emulsion

is a palatable nourishment that assists in forming healthy flesh. It enriches the blood, and overcomes the weak, emaciated tendencies which loss of flesh denotes. It gives vitality.

Sole Agents for Hongkong and the Empire of China—WATKINS & Co, Hongkong.

## GOVERNMENT BILLS.

**TENDERS for SPECIE—MEXICAN DOLLARS.** Current in this Colony, and weighing 7.17, in Exchange for Sterling Bills drawn at 10 days' sight on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, London, will be received by the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, until 11 A.M. TO-MORROW, the 25th instant.

The Tenders to state the total amount required (in Pounds Sterling), and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for sums less than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate and in sealed covers, addressed to the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, and endorsed "Tenders for Government Bills."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.

E. H. GORGES,  
Colonel,  
Chief Paymaster, China.

Her Majesty's Treasury Office,  
Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, 21st January, 1898.

## TO THE DEAF!

A RICH LADY cured of her deafness and notes in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums sent £1000 to his Institute so that Deaf Persons who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Apply by letter to—C. G. BRIGHT, Secretary, 54, Bow Lane London, E.C.

## Entertainment.



ST. GEORGE'S HALL,  
CITY HALL.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

## SCOTCH CONCERT.

TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 25th January,  
at 9.15 P.M.

## PROGRAMME:

**PART I.**  
Part Song.....Hail to the Chief!  
Song, 'O Sing to me the Auld Scotch Sangs'  
Miss Murray Balo.  
Song.....'Gae Bring me a Pint of Wine'  
Mr. J. Gilchrist.  
Song.....'Mary o' Argyle'  
Mr. Vallings.  
Recitation.....'Tam o' Shanter'  
H. E. Major-General Wilsons  
Black, C.B.  
Song.....'Bonnie Prince Charlie'  
Mr. A. G. Gordon.  
Part Song.....'Ye Banks and Braes'

## PART II.

Part Song.....'Scots wha hae'  
Song.....'Rohesay Bay'  
Mrs. Hand.  
Trio.....'Willie brewed a Peck o' Maat'  
Messrs. E. F. Mackay, J. Gilchrist, and C. Smith.  
Song.....'Sound the Flibro'  
Mr. C. Balloch.  
Violin Solo.....'Mackintosh'  
Mr. M. Alsborg.  
Song.....'Bonnie Strathgry'  
Mrs. Vallings.  
Part Song.....'Duncan Gray'  
Part Song.....'Auld Lang Syne'  
Part Song by Male Voice, Chorus conducted by  
Mr. A. G. Ward.  
Seats may be booked at the Music Saloon of  
the ROMBERG PIANO CO.  
Hongkong, 24th January, 1898.

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG,"  
Captain Geo. Payne, will be despatched as above  
TO-MORROW, the 25th instant, at 3 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 19th January, 1898. [144]

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.  
THE Company's Steamship

"DEUCALION,"  
Captain Branch, will be despatched on  
WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant, at 3 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st January, 1898. [157]

## MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Steamship

"PORT ADELAIDE,"  
to sail about the 26th January, 1898.  
S.S. "GHAZEE".....about 10th February.  
S.S. "ARGYLE"....." 5th March.  
S.S. "ATHAN"....." 10th March.  
S.S. "LENNOX"....." 10th April.  
S.S. "ENERGIA"....." 30th April.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [193]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA,  
(FLORIO & RUBATINO UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY.  
Having connection with Company's Mail  
Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,  
MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and  
GENOA.

VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRA-  
NEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and  
SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to  
CALLAO.  
Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN  
GULF and BAGDAD.  
ALSO  
BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE,  
ALMERIA and MALAGA.

THE Steamship

"BORMIDA,"  
Captain Noeri, will be despatched as above  
on FRIDAY, the 28th instant, at Noon.  
At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in  
VICTORIA DOCK.  
For Further Particulars regarding Freight and  
Passage apply to  
CARLOWITZ & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st January, 1898. [153]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND  
PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
THE Company's Steamship

"CHANGSHA,"  
Captain Williams, will be despatched on  
MONDAY, the 31st instant, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the  
Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamship.  
The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the  
Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the  
Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire  
voyage.  
A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the  
Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.  
N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company  
to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return  
by the Steamers of the EASTERN and AUSTRAL-  
IAN S.S. Co. and *vice versa*.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1898. [150]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Company's Steamship

"HECTOR,"  
Captain Barr, will be despatched as above  
on MONDAY, the 31st instant.  
For Freight, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1898. [152]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Steamship

"HANSEAT,"  
Captain C. Hamse, will be despatched as  
above on or about the 31st instant.  
To be followed by the  
S.S. "LYDERHORN" on or about 15th Feb., 1898.  
S.S. "ORWELL" on or about 18th Feb., 1898.  
For Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [167]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-  
GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA STRAITS AND  
COLOMBO.  
(Taking Cargo at through rates for  
LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, CONTINENTAL PORTS,  
RIVER PLATE, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship

"PINGSUEY,"  
Captain D. Davies, will be despatched as  
above on or about the 8th February.  
For Freight, &c., apply to  
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 19th January, 1898. [142]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE

STEAM FOR  
STRAITS, CEYLON, MEDITERRANEAN  
PORTS, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND  
HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"DARMSTADT,"  
will be despatched as above on or about the  
15th of February, 1898.  
To be followed by the  
S.S. "CRESEL" on or about 15th March, 1898.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1897. [192]

## Mails.



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR  
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,  
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN  
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,  
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and  
AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship

"VERONA,"  
Captain C. H. S. Torgue, R.N.R., carrying Her  
Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for  
BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 27th  
January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo  
for the above Ports.

All Cargo for France and London will be  
transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceed-  
ing direct to Marseilles and London.  
Parcels will be received at this Office until 4  
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and  
Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note  
the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills  
of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to  
H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [5]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,  
PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,  
ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG,  
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE.

BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS:

ALSO  
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,  
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,  
GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN  
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT  
SOUTHAMPTON  
TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH  
BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL  
PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prussia.....Tuesday...1st Feb.  
Sachsen.....Tuesday...1st March.  
Bayern.....Wednesday...30th March.  
Prins Heinrich.....Wednesday...27th April.

ON TUESDAY, the 1st day of February  
at Noon, the Company's Steamship  
"PREUSSEN," Captain B. Wetzel, with  
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO,  
will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES  
and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on  
SATURDAY, the 30th January. Cargo and Specie  
will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY  
the 31st Jan., and Parcels will be received at  
the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the  
31st Jan. Contents of Packages are required.  
No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than  
£2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet  
Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation  
and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.  
Linen can be washed on board.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 24th January, 1898. [58]

NORTHERN PACIFIC  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE,  
AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM  
HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA.

IN CONNECTION WITH  
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Tacoma.....2,549 | A. Dixon.....Feb. 1.  
Victoria.....3,147 | J. T. Brubaker.....Feb. 22.  
Olympia.....1,691 | D. Johnson.....Mar. 15.  
Columbia.....2,605 | A. Gow.....April 5.

ALSO  
FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,

IN CONNECTION WITH  
OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION  
COMPANY.

Felican.....2,338 | A. Gove.....Feb. 8.  
Brasmar.....3,601 | E. Porter.....Mar. 8.  
Mogul.....3,654 | W. H. Wright.....Mar. 29.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to  
the very cheap rates offered by this Line.

HONGKONG TO LONDON: £47.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Table.  
DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK: £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on  
the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of  
the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The  
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK. Passengers  
to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first  
class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA: £28.

Rates of Passage to other Ports on application.  
Special rates allowed to members of Govern-  
ment Services.

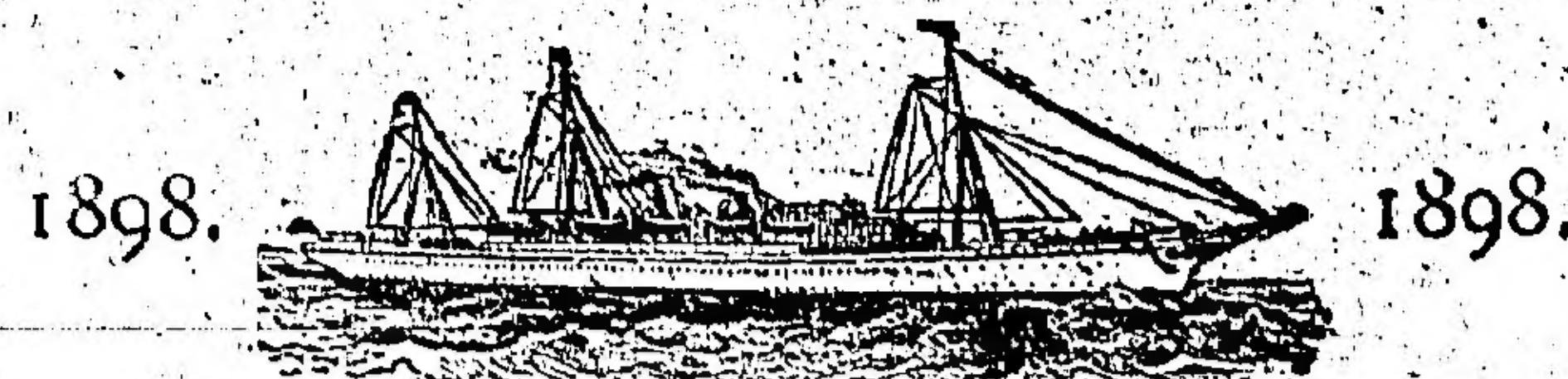
Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific  
Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United  
States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States  
Ports should be in quadruplicate, and one  
copy must be sent forward by the steamer to  
the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland,  
Or. (whichever may be the destination of the  
Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address  
marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to  
sailing.

For further information apply to  
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [191]

## Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S  
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

## SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA  
AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)  
Twin Screw Steamships—4,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF INDIA.....Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 16th Feb., 1898.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN.....Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar., 1898.

EMPRESS OF CHINA.....Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 6th April, 1898.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA  
OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12  
DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection  
at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN  
PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE  
ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax,  
New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the  
Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return  
tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military,  
Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan  
Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS  
(second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS  
(the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition),  
and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the  
Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by  
the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,  
Pender's Street.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1898.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIEN-  
TAL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO  
JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,  
MEXICO,

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND  
EUROPE.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai,  
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-  
land Sea and Yoko-  
hama).....Thursday, 3rd Feb.,  
at Noon.

Belge (via Shanghai,  
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-  
land Sea, Yokohama  
and Honolulu).....Thursday, 22nd Feb.,  
at Noon.

Coptic (via Shanghai,  
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-  
land Sea, Yokohama  
and Honolulu).....Saturday, 13th March,  
at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"GALIC,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via  
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND  
SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on  
SATURDAY, the 13th Jan., 1898, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-  
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu,  
and passengers are allowed to break their  
journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,  
France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines  
of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the  
United States or Canada. Rates, and particu-  
lars of the various Routes may be obtained  
upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to  
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,  
Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European  
Officials in service of China and Japan, and to  
Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embark-  
ing at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*)  
within one year, will be allowed a dis-  
count of 10 per cent. This allowance does not  
apply to through fares for China and Japan to  
Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to  
address in full, and same will be received at  
the Company's Office until 5 P.M. the day  
previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo de-  
stined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the  
United States, should be sent to the Company's  
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,  
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or  
Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company,  
No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1898.

## F. BLACKHEAD &amp; CO.

SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,  
COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS,  
AND GENERAL COMMISSION  
AGENTS.

PRAYA CENTRAL HONGKONG.  
SOAP MANUFACTURERS.

SOLE AGENTS FOR  
HARTMANN'S RAHTYNS GENUINE  
COMPOSITION RED HAND BRAND.  
HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT.  
DAILY'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES  
&c. &c.

Sole Agents for  
FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM  
and  
P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUOR SCOTCH  
WHISKY, &c.

EVERY KIND OF  
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES  
ALWAYS IN STOCK.

REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong 14th May 1897.

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via  
Amoy, Shanghai, Na-  
gasaki, Kobe, Inland  
Sea, Yokohama and  
Honolulu).....Wednesday, 16th Jan.,  
at Noon.

China (via Shanghai,  
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-  
land Sea, Yokohama  
and Honolulu).....Saturday, 13th Feb.,  
at Noon.

Peru (via Shanghai,  
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-  
land Sea and Yoko-  
hama).....Thursday, 3rd March,  
at Noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF PEKING"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via  
AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-  
LAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on  
WEDNESDAY, the 16th January, at Noon,  
taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the  
United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-  
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu,  
and passengers are allowed to break their  
journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,  
France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines  
of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the  
United States or Canada. Rates may be  
obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO  
EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail  
Routes from San Francisco, including the  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,  
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO  
GRANDE, and Northern Pacific Rail-  
ways; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAIL-  
WAY on payment of £4 in addition to the  
regular tariff rate.